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Newborn children may become Medicaid beneficiaries effective on his/her date of birth.

Newborn to a Medicaid-eligible Mother

A child born to a Medicaid-eligible mother may automatically be eligible for Medicaid coverage for one year, provided the newborn continues to live with the mother. Following the birth of a child of a Medicaid beneficiary and before the mother is discharged from the birthing facility, hospitals must complete the "Request for Newborn Health Benefits Identification Number" form. This form authorizes the hospital to release information regarding the birth to the Division of Medicaid. The completed form should be faxed to the appropriate Medicaid Regional Office that serves the county where the mother and baby will reside. The Medicaid Regional Office will process the newborn information and assign a permanent Medicaid ID number within 7-10 days of receipt and fax the form back to the birthing facility initiating the form.

NOTE: Newborns adopted at birth are not automatically entitled to the one-year eligibility period. An application for the newborn must be filed with the appropriate certifying agency.

Newborn Who Is Not Medicaid-eligible at the Time of Birth

Eligibility is established by submitting an application with the appropriate Medicaid Regional Office. Application forms are available at some hospitals, federally qualified health centers, health departments, and other provider offices as well as regional Medicaid offices. If eligibility criteria are met and there are unpaid bills, eligibility may be established for as much as three months prior to the date of application as described in Section 3.03 in this manual.